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1 December 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. Louis R. Wirdk, Chief, Photographic
and Survey Branch, J. 2

FROM : Arthur C. Lundahl, Chairman, Joint Working
Party for Coordination and Standardization
of Ground Intelligence Photographic Equip-
ment and Procedures

REFERENCES : Ltr. J.C.S. P.S.B., 16 Nov 1959, Subj.,
PSB Meeting of 18 Dec 1959

: Charter, Joint Working Party - Attached

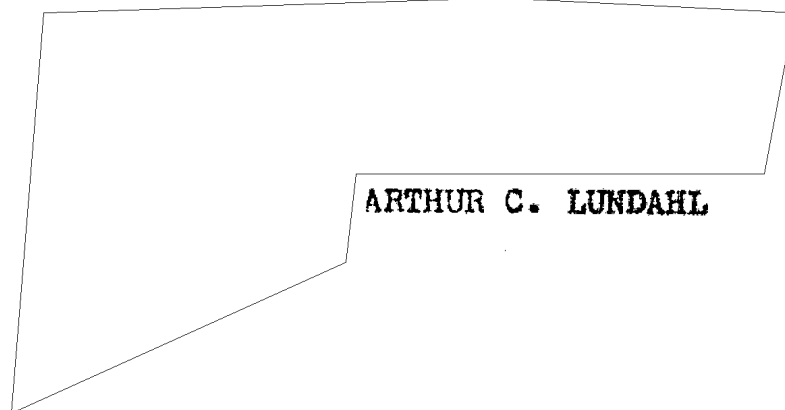
1. Operating under the authority established in its charter, the Joint Working Party on Ground Intelligence Photography has functioned as a vehicle for close liaison and informal coordination between those persons of the defense community who may properly have an interest in intelligence ground photographic collection and exploitation. Under this concept the Working Party has not undertaken the execution of formal projects. The Working Party has instead noted the initiation of developmental and research projects by the interested service or agency; has, through liaison and coordination, attempted to make required pertinent knowledge accessible to the developmental or research worker, and has, through intermittent project briefings, kept other interested organizations aware of project progress.

2. The Working Party has, in addition, through the selection of meeting sites, kept its membership abreast of the physical plants and manpower situation of its membership. Meetings are generally scheduled on an alternating basis with a meeting in the Washington area followed by a meeting at either an appropriate service installation or at the facility of a research or manufacturing group working in the field of photographic intelligence.

3. While the Working Party's charter makes no mention of aerial photographic reconnaissance the fact remains that almost the entire membership is engaged in some aspect of this field and we consequently have included an exchange of information in this field as a part of our function. Such an exchange has been a secondary activity and has been

continued to those aspects of aerial reconnaissance that affect the ground photographic worker.

4. In view of the statements set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2, it is apparent that the Working Party will be unable to prepare the requested summary of projects. In lieu thereof, there is attached hereto (ATT-2) a listing of activities undertaken during 1959, prepared to include meetings by date and place, subjects presented and discussed and a listing of participating members for the reporting period. We shall, of course, attend the 18 Dec 1959 meeting prepared to present such additional information as may be desired.



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